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TO AN INTRA-MURAL RAT

You make me think of many men
Once met, to be forgot again;
  Or merely resurrected
In a parenthesis of wit,
That found them hastening through it
  Too brisk to be inspected.

COUNSEIL TO A BACHELER

Elizabethan Trencher Motto—Bodleian Library: [*with title and modification of second line*]

If thou bee younge, then marie not yett;
If thou bee olde, then no wyfe gett;
For younge mens' wyves will not bee taught,
And olde mens' wyves bee good for naught.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Fragments of sin are a part of me.
New brooms shall sweep clean the heart of me.
  Shall they? Shall they?

When this light life shall have passed away,
God shall redeem me, a castaway.
  Shall He? Shall He?